IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE WESTERN DIVISION

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ROBERT S. BURCH,

Plaintiff Counter-Defendant,

VS.

Civil Action No. 05-2182-D P

GILLIAM COMMUNICATIONS, INC., WLOK RADIO, INC. and H.A. GILLIAM, JR.,

Defendants Counter-Plaintiffs.

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO CERTIFY

Before this Court is Plaintiff's October 27, 2005 Motion To Certify Questions to the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Court finds that Tennessee has well-established principles to govern the interpretation of employment contracts and that this Court interpreted the Employment Agreement as written, giving the contractual language its usual, natural and ordinary meaning, following well established principles of contract interpretation established by the Tennessee Supreme Court. As the applicable Tennessee precedents are sufficiently clear to allow this Court to resolve the state law issues in this action, the Court finds that Plaintiff's Motion is not well taken and that there is no need to certify Plaintiff's proposed questions to the Tennessee Supreme Court. Plaintiff's

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Motion is, therefore, denied.

It is so ORDERED this 20 day of December, 2005.

Bernice B. Donald United States District Judge



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